

WI-305

1894

Tyaskin Methodist Episcopal Church

Tyaskin

Public worship

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Tyaskin Methodist Episcopal Church

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-305

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s):     Architecture  
                                          Religion
2. Geographic Orientation:       Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s):   Industrial/Urban Dominance  
                                                  1870-1930
4. Resource Type(s):             Church

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Tyaskin Methodist Episcopal Church

and/or common Tyaskin United Methodist Church

**2. Location**

street & number 21424 Tyaskin Church Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Tyaskin ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Tyaskin United Methodist Church

street & number 21424 Tyaskin Church Road telephone no.:

city, town Tyaskin state and zip code Maryland 21865

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 43, p. 32  
liber JTT 12

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 441

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Tyaskin Methodist Episcopal Church, now known as the Tyaskin United Methodist Church, stands at 21424 Tyaskin Church Road in the community of Tyaskin, Wicomico County, Maryland. The church faces south with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in 1894, the single-story, tee-shaped frame building is supported by an infilled brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with a combination of aluminum and vinyl siding. The steeply pitched gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. Surrounding the church on three sides is a nineteenth and twentieth century cemetery.

The south (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a corner entrance and bell tower flanked by a gable-front elevation. The double door entrance that pierces the tower is topped by a pointed arch colored glass transom and an extension of the adjacent gable roof shelters the front door. Above the first story height the tower slopes inward with a mid-level roof, which forms the base of the bell tower. An open belfry is decorative with corner brackets. Rising above the belfry is an octagonal broach spire, which is topped by a metal weathervane in the shape of an arrow. The adjacent gable front elevation is pierced by a pair of narrow, pointed arch, colored glass lancet windows. Piercing the upper gable end is a round window with muntins that follow the form of a cloverleaf. The panes are colored glass. The edge to the roof is finished with extended eaves. Fixed in the brick foundation of the front wall is a marble datestone inscribed, "Tyaskin M. E. Church, 1894."

The south wall is marked by a series of four pointed arch, colored glass windows. Rising through the south slope of the roof is a stuccoed brick stove chimney. The north wall, on the other hand, is marked by two pointed arch windows.

The east (rear) wall is extended by a single story apse supported on concrete blocks. Fixed in the upper gable end is a round window with the same cloverleaf muntin design that is found in the front window.

The interior was not seen.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1894 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The church deserves listing in *Category A*, which identifies buildings that should be preserved due their architectural and/or historical merit.

1 Wicomico County Land Record, JTT 12/441, 3/8/1894, Wicomico County Courthouse.

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Tyaskin Methodist Episcopal Church  
Tyaskin  
Chain of title

Map 43, Parcel 32

JTT 12/441

B. R. Dashiell

to

3/8/1894

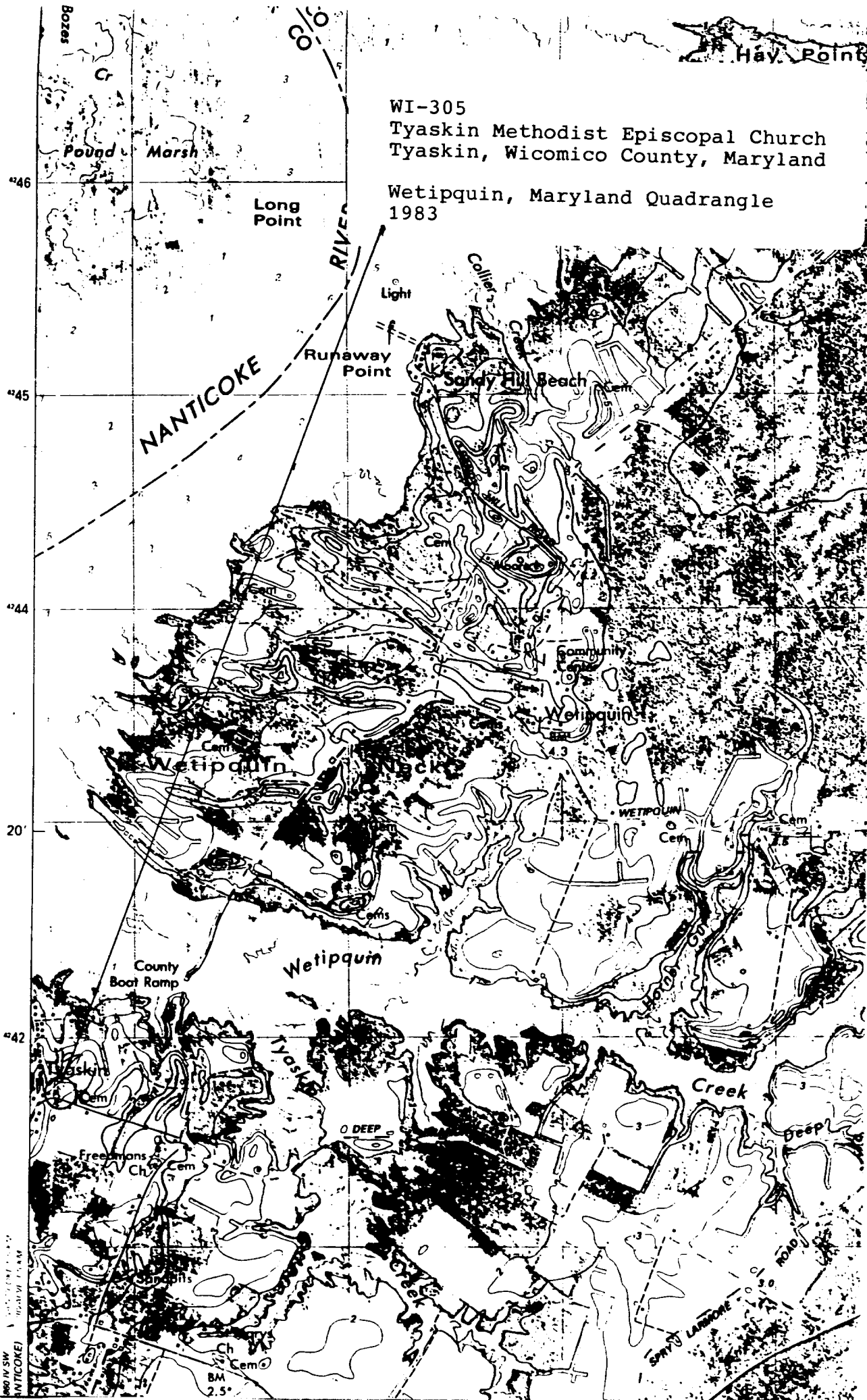
Esau D. Insley  
Franklin B. Culver  
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½ acre

Hay Point  
Catholic Church  
Maryland

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Tyaskin, Wicomico County, Maryland

Wetipquin, Maryland Quadrangle  
1983







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Typhoon United Methodist Church

Typhoon, Missouri, 1955

8/96, Pine County, Minnesota

North 100 ft. 10.1

NEG / MID 135-30-10-100



